

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE SEMINOLE NATION**

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Petitioner)	
)	
VS)	Case No. _____
)	
)	
Respondent)	

PETITION FOR PERMANENT CUSTODY

COMES NOW the Petitioner, _____,
Representing himself/herself for this cause of action and alleges and states:

1. ☐ The **Petitioner** is an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation
☐ Is a member of the _____ Tribe;
☐ Is a nonmember but eligible for membership with the Seminole Nation, OR
☐ Is a non-Indian

Who voluntarily submits to the jurisdiction of the Court.

AND

- ☐ The **Respondent** is a member of the Seminole Nation,
☐ Is a member of the _____ tribe;
☐ Is a nonmember but eligible for membership with the Seminole Nation, OR
☐ Is a non-Indian,

Who voluntarily submits to the jurisdiction of the Court.

2. That the child is ☐ enrolled ☐ eligible for enrollment with the _____
tribe of Oklahoma.

3. THAT the petitioner is the ☐ mother ☐ father ☐ other: _____ to the
(Ex. Grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.)
child(ren).

4. THAT the Petitioner resides at:

<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>

5. That the natural parents names and addresses are:

_____ Name of Mother		_____ Tribe	
_____ Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip
_____ Name of Father		_____ Tribe	
_____ Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip

6. THAT the child(ren)'s names and ages are as follows:

_____	DOB: _____
_____	DOB: _____
_____	DOB: _____

and are currently in the physical custody of: _____.

7. That there ☐is ☐is **not** at the present time a court order granting custody of the minor child.

8. That _____has had physical custody of said child at various times since his/her birth and/or has had actual physical custody since _____.

9. The Petitioner is seeking custody of child(ren) at this time because:
(attach additional paper as needed)

10. The Petitioner is a fit and proper person to have permanent custody and to oversee the care and maintenance of the child(ren).

11. THAT _____ is/are healthy adult(s) and should be ordered and directed to make regular periodic payments of child support for the maintenance and support of the child(ren) of the parties above named until the child(ren) reached 18 years of age or unless further ordered from the court

☐ in the amount of \$_____ per month per child

☐ in an amount to be determined by the Tribal Child Support guidelines.

WHEREAS, the Petitioner(s), _____ Pray(s) that this Court will issue a temporary custody order to him/her for the above named child(ren) pending the final hearing on this matter.

Petitioner's Signature

Petitioner's Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

VERIFICATION

I, _____, petitioner herein, being duly sworn to tell the truth and being of lawful age above 18 years of age, hereby state that I have prepared and read the attached petitioner and verify that all of the factual allegations contained in the petition are in fact true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Petitioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NEED TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY, COURT RULES AND SEMINOLE NATION CODE OF LAWS.

I, _____, petitioner herein, acknowledge that I am aware that an attorney should be consulted about procedure, legal rights, and advice in connection with this proceeding and my failure to hire an attorney to represent me in this case may result in the loss of or waiver of important legal rights that I may have. I understand that Article XVI of the Constitution of the Seminole Nation and the provisions of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws govern the procedures in the court and that I should review and consult the constitution and code of laws and become familiar with these provisions in order to properly handle my case.

Petitioner

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, Clerk of the District Court, certify that the petitioner, _____, personally appeared before me on _____, 20____, and being duly sworn, executed the above verification and acknowledgment in my presence.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Court Clerk